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Security Council

10 a.m. — 6718th meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Special report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2012/74)

Morning[1] — 6719th meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on specialized anti-piracy courts in Somalia and other States in the region (S/2012/50)

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6718th meeting.

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Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
	Security Council missions	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	6720th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Timor-Leste

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (S/2012/43)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6719th meeting of the Council.

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3–6 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 23 February 2012, in the Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; room TB-08083; fax 1 (917) 367-0406), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2012 substantive session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 224th meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. 225th meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

General debate (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/615, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) [5]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Maintenance of international peace and security

Impact and application of sanctions

Sanctions (Art. 50)

Strengthening the role of the Organization

Advisory opinion

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
2. Executive meeting

Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held *today*, 22 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Indigenous women: Key actors in poverty and hunger eradication", convened by the delegations of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, will be held *today*, 22 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Statistical Commission
Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place *today*, 22 February 2012, from 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global governance" (under agenda item 123 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 22 February 2012

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on global governance)

9–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C (NLB)

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Other activities

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Wednesday, 22 February 2012

UNITAR workshop on "Functioning of the United Nations development system" (organized in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (Module II))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Briefing on "The Fourth High-level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One (Montevideo, 8–10 November 2011)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Norway and Uruguay, in collaboration with the International Peace Institute)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m., at the International Peace Institute (777 United Nations Plaza).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Susan Eckey, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail sue@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 430-7510).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Security Council stakeout

10.20 a.m.[1] . . . . . H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

[1] Approximately.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 23 February 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

10 a.m. 98th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal . . . . . [115 (j)]
   (a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/66/682)
   (b) Report of the Internal Justice Council (A/66/664)
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals: draft resolution A/66/L.37 . . . . . [124]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 5 March 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.28.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2012 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Secretary of the Special Committee, or Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Deputy Secretary (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room IN-608E; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)), the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2012.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council on Friday, 24 February 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the preparations for the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hazem Fahmy, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail fahmyh@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5900).

Informal meeting

On Monday, 27 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special policy dialogue on "Private philanthropic organizations in international development cooperation: New prospects and specific challenges", in preparation for its biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held during its 2012 substantive session. The policy dialogue will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia).

There will be two interactive panel discussions, moderated by Mr. Matthew Bishop, U.S. Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of *The Economist*. The first panel discussion will focus on the topic "Comparative advantages and good practices of private philanthropic organizations in achieving development results", and the second panel discussion will focus on the topic "Maximizing development impact through partnerships". Speakers will include representatives of leading private philanthropic organizations, think tanks and other stakeholders. Detailed background information is available at <www.un.org/ecosoc/dcf>.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Ms. Monica Nogara (e-mail nogara@un.org; tel. (212) 963-4901); or Mr. Thomas Boehler (e-mail boehler@un.org; tel. (917) 367-9452)).

Informal special event

A special event on "Breaking new ground: Partnerships for more and better jobs for young people" will be held on Monday, 27 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the United Nations Global Compact.

Opening addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Economic and Social Council, and Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General. Two consecutive interactive dialogues will then take place on "Innovations in promoting youth employment" and "Building new business models for youth employment". The closing session will feature addresses by Mr. Ron Bruder, Founder, Education for Employment Foundation; Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, Employment Sector, ILO; Mr. Badr Jafar, President, Crescent Petroleum, and CEO of Crescent Investments; and Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

All are invited to attend. Additional information on the event can be found at the following <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/philanthropy1/index.shtml>; or contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org). Please note that it will be possible to join the discussion on the day of the event on Twitter, using hashtag #UN4youth.

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB); and on Friday, 24 February, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating* available in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

For the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 23 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The Secretary-General's High-level Group on Sustainable Energy for All" (by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660). Further information on the initiative, including the Secretary-General's Vision Statement and the High-level Group's Framework for Action document, can be found at <www.un.org/en/sefa> or <www.sustainableenergyforall.org>.]

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forum on "Investing in child development and learning: Assuring equity in decent work and in sustainable development" (in preparation for the 2012 Economic and Social Council Annual Ministerial Review) (co-organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vijaya Singh, UNICEF (e-mail vijsingh@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 303-7915) or Ms. Deborah Dishman UNICEF (e-mail ddishman@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 326-7440).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*); and

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 23 February 2012;

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *Friday, 24 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 21 February 2012

Security Council

6717th meeting

Peace and security in Africa

The impact of transnational organized crime on peace, security and stability in West Africa and the Sahel region

Letter dated 17 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/42)

Letter dated 8 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2012/83)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Australia, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Finland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, Tunisia and Turkey, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Francisco Caetano Jose Madeira, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Counter-Terrorism Cooperation.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Ms. Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary-General of the External Action Service of the European Union.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

A statement was made by the President, H.E. Mr. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, in his capacity as the President of the Togolese Republic.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Édouard Courtial, Secretary of State attached to the Ministre d'État, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of France; H.E. Ms. Susan Rice, Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of President Obama's Cabinet; H.E. Mr. Alexander Zmeevskiy, Special Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation on countering terrorism and organized crime; and H.E. Mr. Youssef Amrani, Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; and by the representatives of China, Colombia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Guatemala, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, South Africa, India and Portugal.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/2).

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Francisco Caetano Jose Madeira, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Counter-Terrorism Cooperation.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Ms. Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary-General of the External Action Service of the European Union.

The Council heard statements by H.E. Mr. Issifou Kogui N'Douro, Ministre d'État in charge of National Defense of Benin, and by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire (speaking on behalf of the Economic Community of the West African States (ECOWAS)).

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Sudan and Uganda at their request, to participate, in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Italy, Turkey, Finland, Egypt, Japan, Tunisia, Norway, Canada, Luxembourg, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Israel, Mauritania, Australia, Nigeria, Algeria, the Sudan and Uganda.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2012 substantive session

222nd meeting

Opening of the session [1]

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations opened the 2012 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

Election of officers [2]

The Special Committee reelected, by acclamation, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria) as Chair.

The Acting President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou (Benin), made a statement on behalf of the President of the General Assembly.

The Special Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Mateo Estreme (Argentina), H.E. Mr. Gilles Rivard (Canada), Mr. Kazutoshi Aikawa (Japan) and Mr. Zbigniew Szlek (Poland) as Vice-Chairs, and Mr. Mohamed Sarwat Selim (Egypt) as Rapporteur of the Special Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Special Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1.

Organization of work [4]

The Special Committee established a Working Group of the Whole to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Special Committee by the General Assembly and elected H.E. Mr. Gilles Rivard (Canada) as the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole.

The Special Committee approved its draft programme of work, as contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.2.

The Special Committee adopted draft decision A/AC.121/2012/L.3 on working methods, as orally revised.

The Chair made a statement.

General debate [5]

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary General for Field Support made introductory statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Chile (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States).

223rd meeting

General debate [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Thailand (on behalf of Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Morocco, India, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Ukraine, Cuba, Norway, Bangladesh, Switzerland, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Kenya.

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
2012 session

264th meeting

Opening of the session [1]

H.E. Ms. Maria Rubiales de Chamorro (Nicaragua), Chair of the 2011 session, declared open the 2012 session of the Special Committee.

Election of officers [2]

The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Garen Nazarian (Armenia) as Chair, Mr. Pham Vinh Quang (Viet Nam) and Mr. Ibrahim Salem (Egypt) as Vice-Chairs, and Mr. Juan Manuel Sánchez Contreras (Mexico) as Rapporteur.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document A/AC.182/L.131.

Organization of work [4]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee adopted its work programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Chile (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), China, Egypt, Nicaragua, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, El Salvador, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United States, South Africa, India and Japan.

The representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States made statements in the exercise of the ight of reply.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

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Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

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H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
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H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

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United Kingdom
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Security Council

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A/66/690	Item 63 — New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support — Letter dated 7 February 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of Benin and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
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Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

A/AC.121/2012/L.3	Draft decision submitted by the Bureau — Working methods of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group of the Whole [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

A/AC.183/2012/1	Programme of work for 2012 [A C E F R S] — *13 pages*

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S/2012/10/Add.6	Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2012/79	Letter dated 1 February 2012 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *10 pages*
S/2012/92	Identical letters dated 15 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
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S/AC.44/2007/33 Note verbale dated 21 October 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Chair [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

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Economic and Social Council

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Commission for Social Development
Fiftieth session

E/CN.5/2012/L.8 Item 3 (a) — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: poverty eradication — Algeria: draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-fifth session

E/CN.9/2012/4 Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Actions in follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development — Adolescents and youth — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *27 pages*

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Thursday, 23 February 2012

Security Council

10 a.m.	6721st meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Timor-Leste

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (S/2012/43)

Morning[1]	6722nd meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Women and peace and security[2]

   Report of the Secretary-General on conflict-related sexual violence (S/2012/33)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6721st meeting.

[2] Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

10 a.m.	98th plenary meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal [115 (j)]
   (a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/66/682)
   (b) Report of the Internal Justice Council (A/66/664)
2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals: draft resolution A/66/L.37 [124]

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General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting of the 2012 session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Organization of work (A/AC.109/2012/L.1 and A/AC.109/2012/L.2)
4. Other matters

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)
2. Accountability — Implementation of General Assembly resolution 64/259
3. Proposals for a more effective and efficient utilization of resources for air travel

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Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters
Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held *today*, 23 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global governance" (under agenda item 123 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on global governance)

9–10 a.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women")

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group on Sustainable Development

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E (NLB)

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E (NLB)

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Other activities

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Thursday, 23 February 2012

DPI/NGO briefing on "Nations in transition: The role of civil society in strengthening institutions and building democracy"

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Briefing on "Factoring migration and human mobility into the Rio+20 sustainable development agenda" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Organization for Migration)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gelila Getaneh, Office of the Permanent Observer for the IOM (e-mail ggetaneh@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 264).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 23 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesperson

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 5 March 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, all formal meetings of the Committee will now be held in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.28.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold a meeting on Friday, 24 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB), to be followed by informal consultations.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council on Friday, 24 February 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the preparations for the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hazem Fahmy, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail fahmyh@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5900).

Informal meeting

On Monday, 27 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special policy dialogue on "Private philanthropic organizations in international development cooperation: New prospects and specific challenges", in preparation for its biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held during its 2012 substantive session. The policy dialogue will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia).

There will be two interactive panel discussions, moderated by Mr. Matthew Bishop, U.S. Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of *The Economist*. The first panel discussion will focus on the topic "Comparative advantages and good practices of private philanthropic organizations in achieving development results", and the second panel discussion will focus on the topic "Maximizing development impact through partnerships". Speakers will include representatives of leading private philanthropic organizations, think tanks and other stakeholders. Detailed background information is available at <www.un.org/ecosoc/dcf>.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Ms. Monica Nogara (e-mail nogara@un.org; tel. (212) 963-4901); or Mr. Thomas Boehler (e-mail boehler@un.org; tel. (917) 367-9452)).

Informal special event

A special event on "Breaking new ground: Partnerships for more and better jobs for young people" will be held on Monday, 27 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the United Nations Global Compact.

Opening addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Economic and Social Council, and Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General. Two consecutive interactive dialogues will then take place on "Innovations in promoting youth employment" and "Building new business models for youth employment". The closing session will feature addresses by Mr. Ron Bruder, Founder, Education for Employment Foundation; Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, Employment Sector, ILO; Mr. Badr Jafar, President, Crescent Petroleum, and CEO of Crescent Investments; and Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

All are invited to attend. Additional information on the event can be found at <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/philanthropy1/index.shtml>; or contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org). Please note that it will be possible to join the discussion on the day of the event on Twitter, using hashtag #UN4youth.

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E.

Mr. Gert Rosenthal. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held on Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Indigenous women: Key actors in poverty and hunger eradication", convened by the delegations of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, will be held on Friday, 24 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating* available in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, by 3 p.m. *today*, 23 February 2012, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Informal consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on draft resolutions should contact Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2398).

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

For the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Asia-Pacific States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The Secretary-General's High-level Group on Sustainable Energy for All" (by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660). Further information on the initiative, including the Secretary-General's Vision Statement and the High-level Group's Framework for Action document, can be found at <www.un.org/en/sefa> or <www.sustainableenergyforall.org>.]

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forum on "Investing in child development and learning: Assuring equity in decent work and in sustainable development" (in preparation for the 2012 Economic and Social Council Annual Ministerial Review) (co-organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vijaya Singh, UNICEF (e-mail vijsingh@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 303-7915) or Ms. Deborah Dishman UNICEF (e-mail ddishman@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 326-7440).]

Briefing and discussion on "Development perspectives post-2015" (with participants from the Expert Group Meeting to support the advancement of a post-2015 United Nations development agenda) (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, DESA (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946); or Mr. Eric Olson, DESA (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 23 February 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Today, 23 February 2012;

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *Friday, 24 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 February 2012

Security Council

6718th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Special report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2012/74)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2012/104, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2012/104) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2012/104) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2036 (2012).

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Portugal, India, South Africa, Germany and France.

6719th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on specialized anti-piracy courts in Somalia and other States in the region (S/2012/50)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Somalia, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Fedotov.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, India, Morocco, the United States, Colombia, China, Portugal, Guatemala, France, Pakistan, Germany, Azerbaijan, South Africa and the United Kingdom, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Togo.

6720th meeting

The situation in Timor-Leste

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (S/2012/43)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Angola, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and Timor-Leste, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Ameerah Haq, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ioannis Vrailas, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Ameerah Haq.

A statement was made by H.E. Dr. José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, India, the United Kingdom, Portugal, the United States, the Russian Federation, France, Morocco, Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Colombia, China, Germany and Pakistan, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Togo.

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola (on behalf of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries), Brazil, the European Union, Australia, Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

224th meeting — *General debate* [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Fiji, Peru, Indonesia, Serbia, the Syrian Arab Republic, South Africa, Brazil, Nepal, the United Republic of Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Uganda, Argentina and Côte d'Ivoire.

225th meeting — *General debate* [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Uruguay, the Sudan, Algeria, Nigeria, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Japan, Eritrea, Jordan and the United States.

A statement was made by the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. New York, 13 February 1946

Accession: San Marino (22 February 2012)[1]

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980

Accession: San Marino (22 February 2012)[1]

Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Rome, 13 June 1976

Accession: South Sudan (22 February 2012)[1]

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections. Vienna, 13 November 1997

Proposal of corrections to the text (French version) of the Agreement: (21 February 2012)[1]

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (22 February 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Tunisia

H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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<www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/>

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<www.un.org/ga/president>

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Department of Political Affairs
<www.un.org/depts/dpa>

Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

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Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

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General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
3–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)

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[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.	Closed meeting Peaceful settlement of disputes Repertory/Repertoire	Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Plenary

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2 (NLB)

[1]To be held following the meeting of the Working Group of the Whole.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
2. Executive meeting
3. Proposals for a more effective and efficient utilization of resources for air travel

Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council *today*, 24 February 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the preparations for the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hazem Fahmy, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail fahmyh@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5900).

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held *today*, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 24 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Indigenous women: Key actors in poverty and hunger eradication", convened by the delegations of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, will be held *today*, 24 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Other meetings

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Friday, 24 February 2012

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C (NLB)

Group of Asia-Pacific States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

3–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other activities

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Briefing on "The Secretary-General's High-level Group on Sustainable Energy for All" (by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660). Further information on the initiative, including the Secretary-General's Vision Statement and the High-level Group's Framework for Action document, can be found at <www.un.org/en/sefa> or <www.sustainableenergyforall.org>.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>

Friday, 24 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Myanmar]

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 5 March 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, all formal meetings of the Committee will now be held in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.28.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

On Monday, 27 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special policy dialogue on "Private philanthropic organizations in international development cooperation: New prospects and specific challenges", in preparation for its biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held during its 2012 substantive session. The policy dialogue will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia).

There will be two interactive panel discussions, moderated by Mr. Matthew Bishop, U.S. Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of *The Economist*. The first panel discussion will focus on the topic "Comparative advantages and good practices of private philanthropic organizations in achieving development results", and the second panel discussion will focus on the topic "Maximizing development impact through partnerships". Speakers will include representatives of leading private philanthropic organizations, think tanks and other stakeholders. Detailed background information is available at <www.un.org/ecosoc/dcf>.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Ms. Monica Nogara (e-mail nogara@un.org; tel. (212) 963-4901); or Mr. Thomas Boehler (e-mail boehler@un.org; tel. (917) 367-9452)).

Informal special event

A special event on "Breaking new ground: Partnerships for more and better jobs for young people" will be held on Monday, 27 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the United Nations Global Compact.

Opening addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Economic and Social Council, and Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General. Two consecutive interactive dialogues will then take place on "Innovations in promoting youth employment" and "Building new business models for youth employment". The closing session will feature addresses by Mr. Ron Bruder, Founder, Education for Employment Foundation; Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, Employment Sector, ILO; Mr. Badr Jafar, President, Crescent Petroleum, and CEO of Crescent Investments; and Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

All are invited to attend. Additional information on the event can be found at <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/philanthropy1/index.shtml>; or contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org). Please note that it will be possible to join the discussion on the day of the event on Twitter, using hashtag #UN4youth.

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held as follows: Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); Thursday, 1 March, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230); Friday, 2 March, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Monday, 5 March, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Wednesday, 7 March, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and Thursday, 8 March, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating* available in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who have informed the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, by Thursday, 23 February 2012, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Informal consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on draft resolutions should contact Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2398).

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

For the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Monday, 27 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Group of Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forum on "Investing in child development and learning: Assuring equity in decent work and in sustainable development" (in preparation for the 2012 Economic and Social Council Annual Ministerial Review) (co-organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vijaya Singh, UNICEF (e-mail vijsingh@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 303-7915) or Ms. Deborah Dishman UNICEF (e-mail ddishman@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 326-7440).]

Briefing and discussion on "Development perspectives post-2015" (with participants from the Expert Group Meeting to support the advancement of a post-2015 United Nations development agenda) (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, DESA (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946); or Mr. Eric Olson, DESA (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).]

Informative (non-technical) discussion on "Reducing short-lived pollutants to slow climate change while improving crop yields and health (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (203) 595-9800).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (library-training@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications has been extended until *today*, 24 February 2012.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 23 February 2012

Security Council

6721st meeting

The situation in Timor-Leste

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (S/2012/43)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2012/106, submitted by Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2012/106) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2012/106) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2037(2012).

After the vote, the Council heard a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom.

6722nd meeting

Women and peace and security

Report of the Secretary-General on conflict-related violence (S/2012/33)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Viet Nam, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Margot Wallström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Amina Megheirbi of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard briefings by Ms. Wallström, Mr. Ladsous and Ms. Megheirbi.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the United States, India, Morocco, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Azerbaijan, Germany, France, Portugal, Pakistan, Colombia, China, Guatemala and South Africa, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Togo.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs of Belgium.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Australia and Viet Nam.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Switzerland (on behalf of the Human Security Network and in his national capacity), Liechtenstein, Israel, Indonesia, Italy, Nepal, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Estonia, Canada, Bangladesh, Luxembourg, Kenya, Ireland, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan, El Salvador, Mexico, Sweden (speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Sri Lanka, Spain, Botswana, Armenia, the Sudan, Tunisia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Council heard a further statement by the representative of Azerbaijan.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

The representative of Armenia made a further statement.

The Council heard a further statement by the representative of Azerbaijan.

The representative of Armenia made a further statement.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/3).

The Council heard a further statement by Ms. Wallström.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

98th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/66/668/Add.4) [138]

The General Assembly took note that Palau had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/66/668/Add.4).

Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal [115 (j)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/66/682)

(b) Report of the Internal Justice Council (A/66/664)

The General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, to vote by secret ballot to elect three judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Ms. Rosalyn Chapman (United States of America), Mr. Jean Courtial (France) and Mr. Richard Lussick (Samoa) were elected as judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal for a seven-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2012.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (j) of agenda item 115.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals: draft resolution (A/66/L.37) [124]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 124.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/66/L.37.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Switzerland and the United States.

By 85 votes to none, with 66 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.37 (resolution 66/254).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mexico, El Salvador, Liechtenstein, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Argentina, Canada, Norway, Chile and Guatemala.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Indonesia and Belarus.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 124.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting of the 2012 session

1st meeting

Opening of the session [1]

The Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Political Affairs, opened the meeting and read a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Election of officers [2]

The Committee unanimously elected, H.E. Mr. Diego Morejon (Ecuador) Chair of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Pedro Nuñez Mosquera (Cuba) and H.E. Mr. Shekou M.Touray (Sierra Leone) as Vice-Chairs, and H.E. Mr. Bashar Ja'afari (Syrian Arab Republic) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work [3]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee acceded to the participation in the meeting of delegates of Argentina, Azerbaijan, Liberia and Spain.

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General (A/AC.109/2012/L.1) and by the Chair (A/AC.109/2012/L.2) relating to organization of work.

The Chair informed the Committee of a change in the timetable for its 2012 substantive session.

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chair, adopted the proposed organization of work and timetable for its 2012 substantive session (A/AC.109/2012/L.2), as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Cuba, Sierra Leone and Mali.

Other matters [4]

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Acceptance: Lesotho (22 February 2012)

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections. Vienna, 13 November 1997

Corrections to the text (French version) of the Agreement: (23 February 2012)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquin Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant

Security Council

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Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually

delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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A/66/668/Add.4	Item 138 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Letter dated 22 February 2012 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
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